

President's Letter

Spring has finally arrived. Winter coats of various types are being groomed away, as well as *tucked* away--hopefully for good. Many of our residents, myself included, enjoyed their spring break in warmer climates and are being welcomed home by burgeoning daffodils, the song of cardinals, and robins beginning their important nesting season as they build through the thin layer of recent snow.

On this year's docket, in addition to registering our 5th year of lower budget spending and levies, is the completion of Village Hall renovations. Updated electrical, new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint have decorated Village Hall, welcoming its residents and visitors alike. Included under "renovation projects" is the construction of a new *Village of Barrington Hills* sign to be erected at the entrance off Algonquin Road in front of Village Hall before the end of the year.

With the advancement of video technologies, we are evaluating how the Village could create a "virtual gated community," securing and protecting the lifestyle we enjoy in Barrington Hills. Police Chief Rich Semelsberger, Trustee & Public Safety Chairman Brian Cecola and I have been evaluating the possibility of this functioning as a deterrent to private property intruders. This technology could enhance our award-winning Police Department's "toolbox" for investigations. This is only in the evaluation phase. We are interested in resident input. Share your thoughts via email to village@vbhil.gov.

I am pleased to announce that we have ratified a long-term contract with our police department this past February. It is a win-win for all involved. Details are included in this newsletter.

We continue to follow the developments of the Longmeadow Parkway (LMP) Project. This Board of Trustees, since 2015, has opposed this project due to the safety concerns relative to increased traffic along IL Route 62, and the project's effects on our residents. Updates as the Village learns them are posted on our website and Facebook pages.

We continue to request and demand the counties maintain their roadways (i.e. Brinker) which are woefully in need of major repair and are causing safety issues for our residents. This newsletter contains information on who to call to report poor road conditions.

As always, it is my honor and privilege to serve you and work for the benefit and prosperity of all who call Barrington Hills home.

Respectfully,

President Martin J. McLaughlin



*President McLaughlin
Diving in Cozumel*



SHOVELS READY!

Arbor Day is a day dedicated annually to public tree-planting, promoting the ecological importance of trees and their care. To honor this day, Village of Barrington Hills, in collaboration with Barrington Area Conservation Trust (BACT), is sponsoring a *tree give-away* of Oak Tree Saplings on April 18th at Pederson Preserve. It's first come, first served basis--one per family.

In addition to picking up your sapling, plan to celebrate Arbor Day by participating in the restoration of Pederson Preserve's natural habitat. For more information, log onto BACT's website: www.bactrust.org

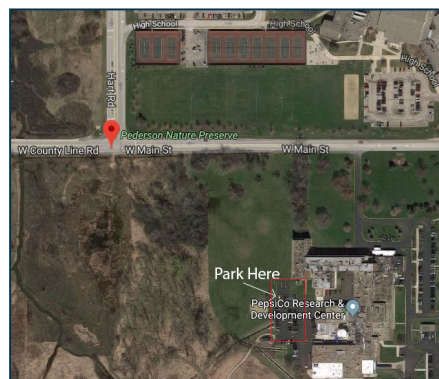


Pederson Preserve (corner of Lake Cook and Hart Roads, directly across from Barrington High School)

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Rain date: Thursday, April 19th

Parking is available in PepsiCo's front parking lot, directly east of Pederson Preserve



Green Earth. Clean Earth.

Sunday, April 22nd is Earth Day which Village of Barrington Hills has declared to be Village Roadside Clean Up Day! Many community civic groups gather this day to remove the litter which has accumulated over the winter months. Cub Scout Pack 187 is doing their part in maintaining the beauty of our Village by gathering unwanted debris along their adopted Village Road.

Let's help out: side roads, property frontages and neighborhood woodlands need your participation. Head out for a walk and set a goal—one bag or two? Stop by Village Hall during business hours (Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) to pick up garbage bags and a safety vest, or call to make arrangements: 847-551-3000. See you then!



ZBA DISCUSSING SIGNAGE

Last year, the Village was approached by area nonprofit organizations who own and maintain open space properties and preserves, about adding signage to their properties. When the Village Code was developed, this wasn't a contemplated use on a property so there is not a specific sign code for open space. These organizations purchased properties and now wish to identify them with signage to the community and visitors.



The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has spent months crafting and reviewing a proposed amendment enumerating requirements and limitations for signs on open space properties. Discussions have covered many topics including the size, number of, and text contained on signs in dedicated open spaces.

The ZBA would like to hear your comments and concerns related to open space signage in the Village. Please email them to village@vbhil.gov. Prior to a recommendation being made by the ZBA, they will have a public hearing at a future meeting.

After a recommendation by the ZBA, either in favor or against, is made the amendment will go the Board of Trustees for final approval or rejection.



ILLINOIS RTE. 62 SAFETY STUDY

Illinois Dept of Transportation (IDOT) has begun its long-term planning process for Illinois Route 62 (Algonquin Road), between IL Route 25 (Haeger's Bend) to IL Route 68 (Dundee Road). After its initial public meeting in November 2017, IDOT conducted its first Community Advisory Group (CAG) in February of this year. This was one of eight (8) meetings to be held over a period of four (4) years. The CAG was comprised of interested individuals who volunteered to participate in identifying current traffic and safety issues that may exist along IL Rte. 62 (Algonquin Road). These meetings are not open to the public, but Barrington Hills was well represented, five (5) of them being Village Officials.



Time was spent with IDOT defining roles and expectations, and documenting feedback regarding current conditions. This first phase also includes environmental studies and preliminary engineering, which IDOT anticipates will conclude sometime in 2021. IDOT stressed they maintain ownership of all decisions and that the Community Advisory Group is just that—an *advisory* group. To keep up-to-date of what transpires and view related documents, visit IDOT's website dedicated to this study: IL62Study.com.

One of our Own Saves a Life

"From being selfless and doing things with integrity, extraordinary things happen" (Lisa Messenger)
 Village of Barrington Hills is fortunate to have on its force, Police Sergeant Ron Riedel who is a living example of this inspirational quote.

On November 7th, 2017, Sgt. Ron Riedel was dispatched to a home where there was an unresponsive 19-year-old female. The subject was reported to have overdosed. Upon arrival, Sgt. Riedel observed she was not breathing. He immediately administered two doses of Naloxone (Narcan) that all BHPD officers carry while on duty. Almost immediately, the young woman began to breathe on her own. The decisive actions taken by Sgt. Riedel saved this young lady's life.



To recognize Sgt. Riedel's commendable actions, Police Chief Semelsberger presented him with the *Barrington Hills Police Department Life Saving Award* at



February's Board of Trustees Meeting. Congratulations Sgt. Riedel and thank you to all our Barrington Hills Police Officers for exemplary service and dedication!

Police Contract Negotiated



BARRINGTON HILLS
Police Department

The Village of Barrington Hills and their Police Officers represented by Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP) negotiated a new labor agreement which was recently approved unanimously by the Village Board of Trustees. The successful negotiation of this Collective Bargaining Agreement demonstrates the respect and mutual cooperation between VBHPD Management and the Union Police Officers.

President McLaughlin was pleased to see the new contract is for a five (5) year term over the standard three (3) year agreement. Further, he was extremely happy that only one day of mediation was necessary, which was quite a different path from past negotiations. Prior to 2013, negotiations went on for more than three (3) years, which cost the taxpayer exponentially more. The new contract benefits our residents by providing continuity of quality police officers and represents a normalization of labor relations.



Spring is here and so is the start of construction season. Building, remodeling or getting our pools filled for a Memorial Day opening all have one thing in common: overweight vehicles. Oversize/overweight vehicles require a permit when accessing village-maintained roads.

This process is now automated by going to Barrington Hills' website and submitting your permit application online via Oxcart Permit Systems. No software needs to be installed, and it's available wherever there is an internet connection. It's that convenient!

OVERWEIGHT PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



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Elected Officials & Staff		Departments		Records	
Village Board of Trustees		Building Department		Administrative	
Village Staff Directory		Village Code		Meeting Packets	
Commissions & Committees		Police Department		Documents	
				FOIA Request	
				Forms/Applications	
				Overweight Permit	
				Building Permit	
				Meeting Room Reservation	
				Other Forms	

BOXES, BAGS OR NO CONTAINER AT ALL...BRING 'EM IN!

Thank you to all the folks who have donated books to Little Free Library thus far. Imagination, creativity and childhood enjoyment are all spurred when children engage in independent reading, and there's no telling where that'll take them. Your donation(s) can be the catalyst for the next Veronica Roth, Steven Spielberg or Maya Angelou.



Share your love of reading with others who may not have access to a library or funds to start their own collection. Village Hall continues to accept book donations (new and gently used) for **Little Free Library** at Sunny Hill Elementary School. For more information on the non-profit organization or for additional drop off locations, visit their webpage: www.littlefreelibrary.org.

KNOW WHO TO CALL

Winter has come and gone leaving behind its leftovers: potholes! Barrington Hills is unique in many ways, one of which is road jurisdiction. Roads fall in various jurisdictions: Village, County, Township, State and Private. Know who to call to report potentially damaging potholes. If you're not sure, refer to vbhil.gov/roads.

Of course, each county works at their own pace—and budget. Roads and Bridges Chairman, Trustee Brian Cecola, has been meeting with the Superintendent of Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOTH) in his quest to repair Cook County maintained roads in our village. These roads were placed in the 2016 Cook County Road program, but due to county budgetary shortfalls, the project was postponed for the next road project in 2017. History repeated itself and now, in 2018, we find our village roads waiting in queue to be approved in the bid for 2018. Let's help our trustee by contacting CCDOTH to let them know the poor/hazardous driving conditions on our roads, and to urge Cook County to include them in this year's program. In the meantime, drive cautiously until the roads are repaired and check the village website news for updates.



Village of Barrington Hills Roads: 847-551-3000

Cook County Roads: Dept. of Transportation & Highways 847-397-4145

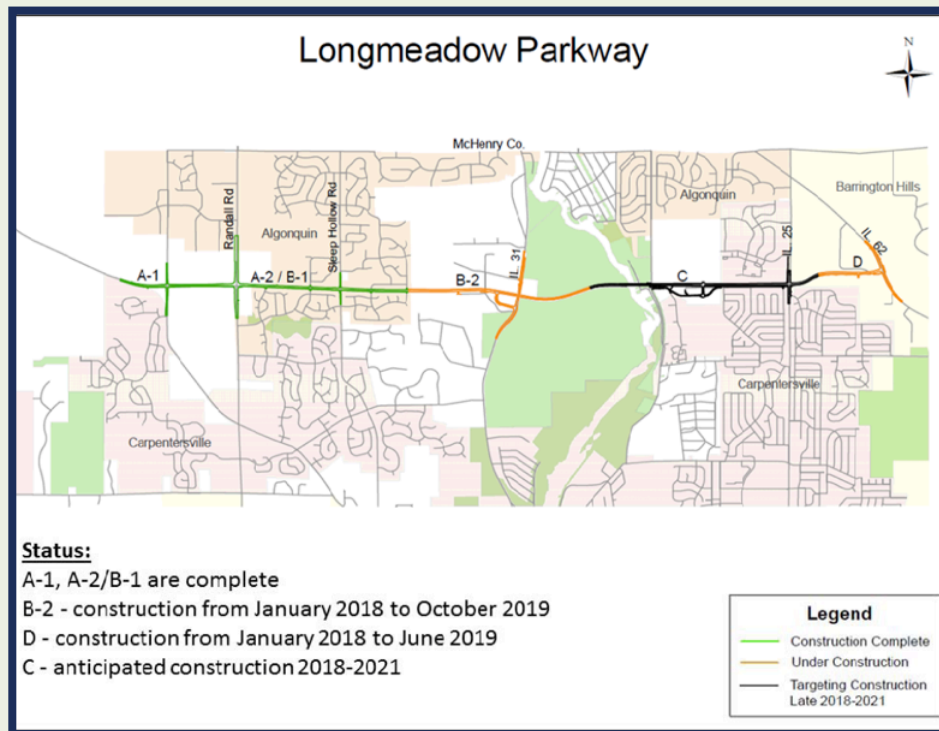
McHenry County Roads: McHenry County Div. of Transportation 815-334-4960

State Roads: IL Dept. of Transportation 847-705-4000

LONGMEADOW PARKWAY UPDATE

Anyone who has driven on Algonquin Road from Village of Barrington Hills' (VBH) western most village boundary can't help notice that construction of Longmeadow Parkway (LMP) has begun with the extensive removal of trees. Despite VBH opposition to its construction, Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) forges on. Residents can keep informed on the construction schedule and any impacts on traffic as they become available via KDOT's website: co.kane.il.us/dot/default.aspx

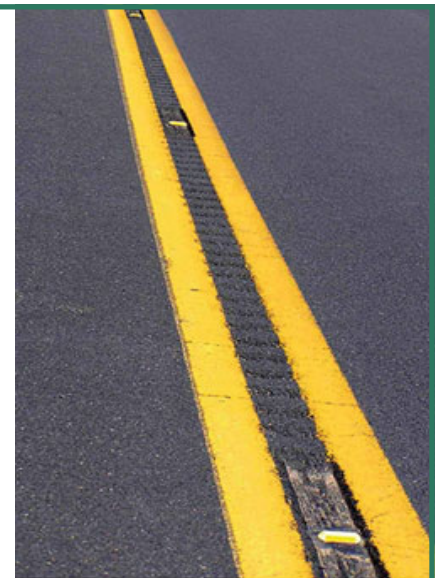
Kane County recently approved a contract to "help ensure the least expensive path for the county to borrow \$30 million to build a toll bridge over the Fox River." The VBH portion of the project is set to be completed by July 2019, and KDOT expects the whole LMP project to be completed by 2021. While we do not support the project, we will continue to monitor the progress, voice our opposition when possible, and notify our residents of major developments.



ADDITIONAL SAFETY FEATURES

The Village's new engineering firm, Trotter & Associates Inc. (TAI), has recommended some additional safety features to be included in the road program this year. We are going to reevaluate signage location; striping near select stop signs and intersections; and replace existing steel reflectors with more durable "thermoplastic" recessed reflectors.

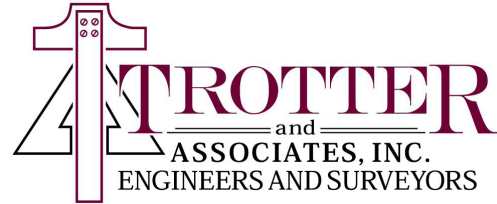
Thermoplastic markings are made to be highly reflective, making them much easier to see at night or in bad weather conditions where visibility is poor. Built up paint layers are used to create rumble strips which provide drivers with physical feedback in the form of noticeable vibration and an audible rumbling noise. This warns drivers to watch their speed and provides lane awareness.



And introducing...



Steve Cieslica, PE, Village Engineer



Following best practices, Village of Barrington Hills released a Request for Qualification to provide engineering services. Three firms who submitted bids were considered by the Board of Trustees; all were qualified candidates. After an extensive interview process Trotter & Associates, Inc. based in St. Charles, Illinois was selected for several reasons, among them:

- they are a smaller firm able to provide the attention our village needs
- exceptional reviews from others
- value added services

Throughout the entire process, Steve Cieslica, Professional Engineer and Vice President of Trotter & Associates, Inc., worked with President McLaughlin and the Village Administrator to obtain a firm understanding of Village objectives and concerns. In efforts to achieve village objectives, Steve introduced other Trotter team members to the Village to ensure detailed attention to each matter.

Trotter & Associates, Inc. is a full service engineering firm specializing in municipal infrastructure development and rehabilitation. Their mission is to develop and implement innovative, sustainable solutions to preserve and enhance civil/environmental infrastructure.

THE VILLAGE 2018 ROAD PROGRAM IS IN PROCESS

The Village of Barrington Hills maintains 39 miles of roads. Our Village Engineer, annually “grades” the roads to determine which are in most-need of repair and resurfacing. In conjunction with the Roads & Bridges Committee, they select the roads that will be resurfaced based on need and available funding.

The Village aims to resurface at least 3.2 miles every year. With low asphalt prices we have been lucky enough the past few years to do more than this. Trustee Cecola is excited to announce that the Village will be undertaking 4.0 miles of road resurfacing this year. If asphalt prices come in low again this year, the Village will make the effort to add additional miles.

2018 Road Program

- Chapel Road
- Church Road
- Haeger's Bend Road
- River Algonquin Road
- Honeycutt Road
- Hills and Dales Road



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Help us "Deck the Halls"

The Village Hall FINALLY has a new coat of paint, BUT we need your help "decking the walls." We are requesting your best Village images to help decorate Village Hall. Beautiful landscapes and homes; residents and families enjoying their lives in VBH; Biking, Riding, Running, Birding-- throw it all at us. Show us your VBH. Please email photos (high resolution if possible) to photos@vbhil.gov. By sending in your photos you are allowing the Village to use the images as décor, on the website, social media, etc as needed.

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SPRING CLEANING & RECYCLING

Remember to recycle as you're sifting through your surplus of goods. Prairieland Disposal & Recycling accepts the following types of items at its drop-off during business hours.



Clothing and Textiles: unwanted clothing and textiles

Shoes: athletic, shoes and boots

E-scrap/Electronics: a maximum of 10 e-waste items per visit*

Flower Vases: medium size (up to 13 inches) glass, plastic, ceramic and metal

Food Organics: vegetative food and organic scraps in biodegradable bags

Batteries: car, truck and rechargeable batteries

White Goods: refrigerators* (no water softeners)

**Some items have an associated drop off fee. Check out their website for details: prairielanddisposal.com/drop-off-service or call 847-381-9300*



Drop off at

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